GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of health services has not been noticed despite the expansion of the health services in the country during the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Health being a State subject, State Governments are primarily responsible for providing health facilities to the people. To provide better medical facilities, a vast network of rural infrastructure has been created in the country. The Central Government is also assisting the States under the National Health Programmes for Control of Malaria, T.B., Blindness, Leprosy, AIDS, Cancer, Iodine Deficiency Disorders, Mental Health and Family Welfare Programmes. To provide quality health care services, State Health System Projects are also being implemented with World Bank assistance in selected States to upgrade health infrastructure. The efforts made in providing health services has had a definite impact both on the reach and the quality of health care system and delivery to the public.

National Health Programmes undertaken are being closely monitored and mid-course corrections effected where necessary. Special efforts are also made to ensure that health care provided is of good quality.